Special Schemes for Manipur Ultras

2754. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the North East Times of 19.1.2001 under the head "Special schemes draws Manipur Ultras overground";

(b) if so, the details of the schemes drawn up and the responses received from militant outfits in the State;

(c) whether similar schemes are proposed to be drawn with regard to other States in the North-East Region which are afflicted by the militant activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. As per available information, 86 militants had surrendered in the year 2000 in Manipur.

The Central Government has introduced a scheme for Surrender-cum-Rehabilitation of militants in the North-Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura. The Scheme for Surrender-cum-Rehabilitation of militants in the North-East is applicable to those militants who have surrendered/ surrender after 01.04.1998. The Government of India reimburses the expenditure incurred as per the guidelines on the rehabilitation of surrenderees. The Scheme envisages only assistance for self employment training and the surrendered militants are to apply for self employment schemes and other employment opportunities as per normal rules applicable. Under this scheme, there is no provision to rehabilitate the surrendered militants in the para military forces.